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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Office of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A  
THORN LAKE FIELD  
Caddo and Red River Parishes,  
Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Rippy Oil Company for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To continue in full force and effect the rules and regulations established by Louisiana Office of Conservation Order No. 1145, effective July 31, 1981, for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana.
2. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, to be designated the CV RA SUJ, CV RA SUK and CV RA SUL, containing the identical area included within the said units, as shown on the attached plat.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units, with each tract sharing in the unit production on a surface acre basis of participation.
4. To designate a unit operator for the proposed units.
5. To designate the Rippy Oil Company – Barlow No. 1 as the unit well for the CV RA SUK.
6. To provide that the Commissioner may reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evidence furnished the Commissioner.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana.

The Cotton Valley Formation in the THORN LAKE FIELD, Caddo and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was previously defined in Louisiana Office of Conservation Order No. 1145, effective July 31, 1981.

All pertinent data relating to the above proposal may be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Cambe Geological Services, Inc., 6300 Westpark, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77057, telephone (713) 659-8363

Although a pre-application conference was scheduled in Applicant's pre-application notice, no notice of a desire to confer was timely received by the Applicant and, consequently, no pre-application conference was held.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the proposed Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Sand Units J, K and L. Also enclosed herewith to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager is a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent; however, a copy of this list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.


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Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice which issues in respect of this application, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected, and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of the Thorn Lake Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Additionally, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner of Conservation.

In addition, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation in the amount of \$755.00, in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

OTTINGER HEBERT, L.L.C.



Patrick S. Ottinger

PSO/sd  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard, District Manager

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

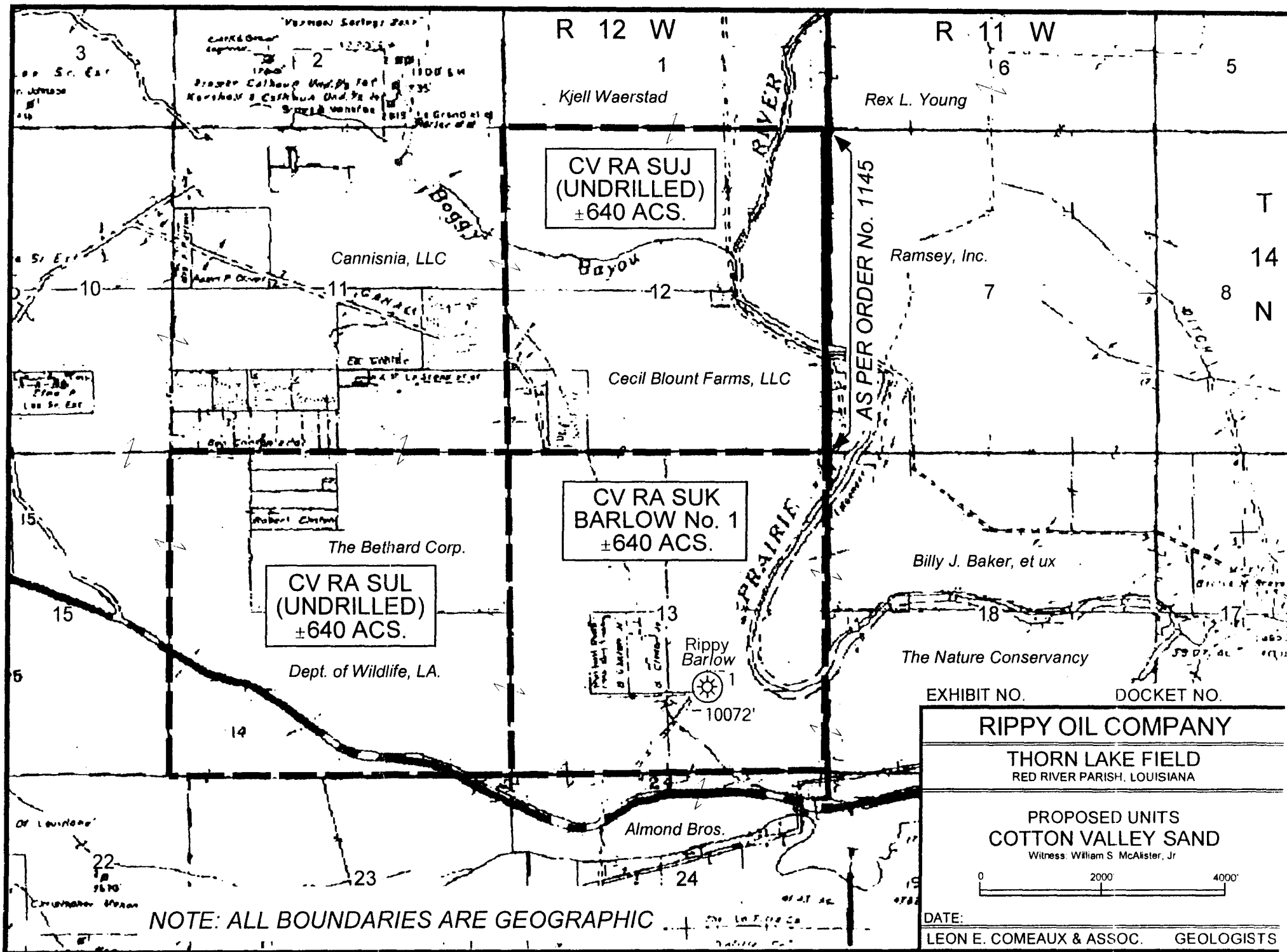


EXHIBIT NO.	DOCKET NO.
<b>RIPPY OIL COMPANY</b>	
<b>THORN LAKE FIELD</b> RED RIVER PARISH, LOUISIANA	
<b>PROPOSED UNITS</b> <b>COTTON VALLEY SAND</b> Witness: William S. McAister, Jr.	
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DATE:	
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